

Fred Howard Moffit 1874–1958

Fred Howard Moffit served his entire career as a geologist with the Alaska Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from 1903 to 1943. His work focused on the geologic mapping and mineral resources of Southcentral Alaska but ranged from the Kenai Peninsula to the Wrangell Mountains and the Seward Peninsula. He was a prolific author, publishing almost 60 publications between 1904 and 1954 devoted to the geology and mineral resources of these regions. These contributions form the basis for modern understanding of the geology and mineral resources of large parts of the state and are still essential reading for mineral explorationists. Mount Moffit (13,020 ft) in the Alaska Range was named after him in 1950 by the USGS.